



THE FED CONNECTION

Federated Church Newsletter

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At DeWitt's End

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(Matthew 6:12)

"and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us."

"Forgiving those who have seriously hurt us is one of our most challenging assignments as believers. And merely having a desire to obey God or say the right words does not necessarily accomplish the task. Old memories and pain can slip back into the mind, stirring up emotions of anger and injustice."

"Though we have a responsibility to take the initiative soon after suffering harm, forgiveness for deep hurts is a process. Begin immediately to prevent a root of bitterness from developing. But remember: The deeper the hurt, the more time it will take to work through forgiveness. Never become discouraged – the Lord will walk with you each step of the way."

"Confession to God is the beginning of the process. Come before Him, admitting any resentment and acknowledging it as sin. As you lay your anger and hurt before the Lord, let Him begin to heal your broken heart."

"Sometimes the process can also involve going to the offender and confessing your sinful attitude toward him or her. This is a time not to build your case or itemize the culprit's wrongs but simply to admit your own. Although the offense against you may seem greater than your unforgiving attitude, avoid the temptation to rank sins. And leave judgment to God."

"Forgiveness brings freedom from the agitation that accompanies resentment. In working through the process, you'll begin to see through God's eyes—and with His compassion—when you look at the person who hurt you. Eventually, you will be able to thank the Lord for the opportunity to learn forgiveness and live in His lavish grace."

-- Dan

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Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Pastor: Dan DeWitt

Tuesday Bible Study: Beginning January 9, Pastor Dan will start a new study on what the Bible teaches about heaven. He will use the following book as a primary resource: **Heaven** by Randy Alcorn. The class will start at 7:00 p.m. in his home. All are welcome.

Coming Sermons:

Nov. 5 “Yes, Here I Am” Acts 8:26-38

Phillip had enjoyed the spotlight, but now God sent him down a lonely stretch of road. He obeyed and God did powerful things through him because he said “yes!” Are you willing to say “yes, here I am” if God sends you down a lonely road?

Nov. 12 “Follow The Leader” John 15:16-17

It is not always easy to understand God’s will or to know what path He would have us take. But He has told us how to do it: follow the leader!

Nov. 19 “United As One” John 17:20-23

The closer we get spiritually to God, the closer we get to those who love and follow Jesus. Our unity is a tremendous testimony of God and His power in our lives.

Nov. 26 “Experience His Glory” John 17:24-26

When properly understood, “Church” isn’t about promoting a particular building, group or denomination. “Church” is about introducing people to God and helping them experience His glory.

CWH-Children’s Worship	TBS-Tues. Bible Study	EPIC-Youth Group	FF-Community Fellowship Feast
MG-Men’s Group	CC-Chancel Choir	LBS-Ladies Morning Bible Study	WBS-Women’s Afternoon Bible Study
SCUG-Sandwich Computer Users Group		HOW-Heart of Worship	FMC-Facilities/Ministry Committee

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November						
***REMINDER: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS NOV.5!			1 9:30 a.m.-LBS 5:30-7:00 pm-EPIC 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC	2	3 Office Closed	4 7:00 am-MG 9:00 am-Fall Church Clean-Up
5 International Day of Prayer 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH	6 3:30 p.m.-WBS	7 7:00 pm-TBS 7:00 pm-FMC	8 9:30 a.m.-LBS 5:30-7:00 pm-EPIC 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC	9 7:00 pm - Session Meeting	10	11 7:00 am-MG 8:30 am-Trash pickup day
12 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH	13 3:30 p.m.-WBS	14 7:00 pm-TBS	15 9:30 am-LBS 5:30-7:00 pm-EPIC 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC	16 7:00 pm-SCUG	17	18 7:00 am-MG
19 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH	20 1:30-3:00pm- Thanksgiving Tea 3:30 p.m.-WBS 6:30 p.m.-Quilters	21 7:00 pm-TBS	22 9:30 am-LBS 5:30-7:00 pm-EPIC 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC 7:00 pm- Thanksgiving Eve Service/Salem Lutheran Church	23 Thanksgiving Office Closed	24 Office Closed	25 7:00 am-MG 9:00 am-Decorating the Church
26 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH	27 3:30 p.m.-WBS	28 4:30-6:00 pm- Community Feast/ Salem 7:00pm-TBS	29 9:30 am-LBS 5:30-7:00 pm-EPIC 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC	30		

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Patti Fox	Julianna and her baby Autumn (Mary Plante's niece)	
Violet Ohlwine	Donald Alderman (Kara Johnson's dad)	
Lisa Augustine	Linda DeWitt's mother, Val Skupa	
Lee Legner	John and Diane Klene	[Thanksgiving Tea: Nov. 20]
Judy Roher	Carol Pruski	[1:30-3:00 p.m.]
Lally Phillips	Walt and Margaret Droppa	[Guest Speaker: Shari Tvrdik]
Wanda Goff	Mary Ann Chamberlain	[Sharing how God has used her]
G. L. Hartman	Vicki Damato & Joyce Mackie	[in the Mission field.]
Family of Shirley Keele	Debbie Keele	
Hailey Clairmont (Lynn Brook's grandbaby)	John Gneckow (Bob Knight's brother-in-law)	
Glenda Potter	Florida Johnson Family and Todd & Marcy	
Keith Spears		
Anita Herzog (Michele Stahl's mother)		

Homebound, Nursing Homes & Assisted Living

June Bannister, Irma Grady, Lois Peterson, G.L. Hartman

**Session Meeting - Thursday, Nov. 9, 7:00
p.m. in the pastor's office**

Thank You to everyone who participated in the Basement Sale to benefit Open Door. Whether you were involved in the planning and organizing, set up, tear down, working the event, donating and/or buying items, you helped make a difference for Open Door. We raised \$1,300.00!

To Our Federated Family: Thank you for your love and support during the recent loss of our father, Bob Miller. Church family is such a blessing, and especially during times of loss. The flowers sent from the church were a beautiful addition to our celebration of life service. Sincerely, Millers/Cromwells

Missionaries Fidel & Charo Corrales would like to thank the congregation for their expressions of support and very generous donations to benefit Casa De Esperanza. They were impressed with the Sandwich community, and greatly appreciated the warmth and friendship shown them by our church.

Thank You Received: On October 3, eight WOW gals brought our 9th INside/OUTside SPA to the Lifespring Women's Shelter in Aurora. THANK YOU to the Federated Church of Sandwich for donating ALL the needs on their list - and more! - Sue Hipple

International Day of Prayer: The first request of our persecuted brothers and sisters is "Pray for Us!" Churches across the United States and around the world will answer their request by joining in prayer Sunday, November 5th, the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP).

Trash Pick-Up: Our church has "adopted" a section of East Sandwich Road from Pratt to Coy roads. Our next trash pickup day will be Nov. 11. We will leave from the church at 8:30 a.m. Wear gloves and boots and bring some heavy-duty trash bags.

Community Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service: This year's service will be held at Salem Lutheran Church, 1022 N. Main St., Sandwich, Wednesday, November 22, at 7:00 p.m. There will be a community choir for this service once again.

Church Decorating: We will be decorating the church on Saturday, November 25th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Fellowship of coffee, hot chocolate and doughnuts will be provided. Anyone who would be willing to help with this labor of love is asked to RSVP to the church office. Thank you!

Community Fellowship Feast: Tuesday, Nov. 28, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. at Salem Lutheran Church, 1022 N. Main St., Sandwich. We are to provide breads & butter. Please be sure to sign up if you can help.

Need Volunteers! Looking for a volunteer(s) to chair or co-chair a spaghetti supper. If that is YOU, please contact Sandy Rud, Susie Cromwell, or the church office.

- 11-1 Tom Gowdy
- 11-4 Chuck Johnson
- 11-10 Naoma White
- 11-18 Brody Stahl
- 11-19 Vicky Swenson
- 11-28 Kaylynn Williams



Cup of Cold Water Ministries is hosting the “Just a Walk in Their Shoes” workshop Saturday, November 25th, 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. “*The Walk*” will change your perspective on missions. Discover how it feels to walk in the shoes of the suffering poor, the unreached and the refugee. Learn how the Church can better respond to the needs of those living in these circumstances. Cost: \$20.00 registration fee, via CCWM website: CCWM.org.

Office Hours
Monday-Friday
8:00—12:00

Sunday Worship
Children’s Worship
Hour
9:30 a.m.

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